

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-22 in the following manner. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Tamper evident closure for containers (1), wherein the closure comprises a spout (10) with a twist away element (3) and a removable cap (2), wherein the cap (2) comprises a wrench or a socket (5), such that the cap (2) can be used as a tool for twisting away said twist away element (3) and thereby creating an opening (11) in the spout (10), wherein the closure comprises a centering-aid ~~centring-aid~~ (6, 7), which centers ~~centres~~ the cap (2) while it is moved, with the wrench or socket (5) first, towards and onto the spout (10), characterized in that the centering-aid ~~centring-aid~~ (6, 7) comprises a first guiding surface (6) on the spout (10) and a second guiding surface (7) on the cap (1), wherein the first guiding surface (6) rotatably mates with the second guiding surface (7), once the cap (2) is pushed completely with the wrench or socket (5) first onto the spout (10).

2. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1, characterized in that the ~~wrench or~~ socket (5) is, while the closure is closed by the cap (2), on a side of the cap (2) opposite to the container (1), such that the cap (2) is to be inverted when being used as a tool for twisting away said twist away element (3), ~~wherein in particular a symmetry axis of the socket (5) coincides with a symmetry axis of the cap (2).~~

3. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first guiding surface (6) and the second guiding surface (7) are substantially conic ~~or that the first guiding surface (6) and the second guiding surface (7) are substantially spherical.~~

4. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first guiding surface (6) is formed on an outer surface of the spout (10) between a rim (12) at a distal end of the spout (10) and the container (1) ~~and/or that the second guiding surface (7) is formed on an inner surface of the cap (2) such that the wrench or socket (5) is an inward continuation of said second guiding surface (7).~~

5. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the twist away element (3) has the form of a pin or a star ~~and/or that the twist away element (3) has a multi-fold symmetry, in particular a three-fold, four-fold, six-fold, seven-fold or eight-fold symmetry.~~

6. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the wrench or socket (5) matches completely or at least ~~along some lines or~~ at some points the form of the twist away element (3), such that transmission of a torque is possible.

7. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the spout (10) comprises a first thread (8) and the cap (2) comprises a second thread (9), wherein the first thread (8) and the second thread (9) are designed to match each other, and ~~in particular~~ the first thread (8) is an outside thread and the second thread (9) is an inside thread.

8. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the cap (2) and the spout (10) comprise snap on means, ~~in particular rims and/or noses.~~

9. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the outer diameter of the cap (2) is substantially larger than the diameter of the spout (10) and/or the ~~wrench or socket (5)~~, wherein ~~in particular~~ the cap (2) has a circular recess (14) around the wrench or socket (5), ~~in particular open toward the same side as the wrench or socket (5).~~

10. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the container (1) comprises a first rim (12) and the cap (2) comprises a second rim (13), which are designed such that the first rim (12) mates with the second rim (13), when the cap (2) is on the container (1), ~~in particular~~ such that the opening (11) of the spout (10) is sealed when the cap (2) is held on the container (1).

11. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the spout (10) is designed as cannula.

12. (Currently Amended) Closure according to claim 1 wherein ~~one of the preceding claims characterized in that~~ it comprises a predetermined breaking line (4) between the spout (10) and the twist away element (3), which predetermined breaking line (4) is arranged substantially inside the spout (10) or at least countersunk in respect to a rim (12) at the distal end of the spout (10).

13. (Currently Amended) Container, ~~in particular a tube,~~ comprising a closure according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 12.~~

14. (New) Closure according to claim 2, wherein a symmetry axis of the socket coincides with a symmetry axis of the cap.

15. (New) Closure according to claim 1, wherein the first guiding surface and the second guiding surface are substantially spherical.

16. (New) Closure according to claim 1, wherein the second guiding surface is formed on an inner surface of the cap such that the socket is an inward continuation of said second guiding surface.

17. (New) Closure according to claim 1, wherein the twist away element has a multi-fold symmetry.

18. (New) Closure according to claim 17, wherein the twist away element has a three-fold, four-fold, five-fold, six-fold, seven-fold or eight-fold symmetry.

19. (New) Closure according to claim 8, wherein the snap on means comprise rims.
20. (New) Closure according to claim 8, wherein the snap on means comprise noses.
21. (New) Closure of claim 16, wherein the circular recess is open toward the same side as the socket.
22. (New) Tube comprising the closure of claim 1.